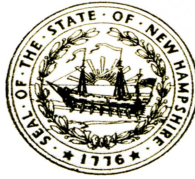


**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Executive Council**

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Friends,

Happy Holidays! This is my 22<sup>nd</sup> Council Report and the end of my first year serving the 265,000 citizens of New Hampshire's Second Executive Council District. I'd like to take the opportunity to thank all of you who have reached out to me in the past year with questions, requests, or ideas about how to strengthen our great state.

Last week, the Council approved major grants for six renewable energy projects across the state and the Governor nominated key positions on the Superior Court, Circuit Court, and Director of Economic Development, to name just a few (full list and confirmation hearing details below).

Here's a summary of Council approvals, below (followed by full details and links to background materials at the end of this email).

**(1) Impacting Merrimack Co & Central NH:** Grant extensions to Warner, NH for a wastewater plant upgrade, Boscawen, NH for road improvements and drainage projects, architectural history review of state buildings at 84 Iron Works Road and sale of state building at 79 Pleasant St in Concord, NH, state employee shuttles in Concord, NH during the legislative session, a traditional arts grant in Warner, NH, vocational and employment support for refugees in Concord, NH, and emergency equipment in Warren, NH.

**(2) Impacting the Monadnock Region:** Grants for window restoration at Nelson Town Hall, a solar project in Rindge, NH, and a small biomass plant in Harrisville, NH.

**(3) Impacting Strafford & Belknap Co:** A grant extension for Winnisquam Wood Products in Farmington and a grant for the Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership Management Plan.

**(4) Other projects & policies with statewide impact:** An energy conversation study that could save \$730k+/year in state energy costs, increased costs for health reimbursement arrangements for state employees, funding to prevent Violence Against Women and for operation of the state Sex Offenders Unit, and six renewable energy project grants across the state.

**(5) Nominations & Confirmations:** The Council confirmed four Circuit Court Judge nominations as well as a new Public Utilities Commissioner. Governor Hassan nominated three Superior Court Judges (confirmation hearing Friday 1/10 at 1pm in Concord), two Circuit Court Judges (confirmation hearing Monday 1/13 at 6pm in Concord) and a new Director of Economic Development, Carmen Lorentz of Belmont, NH, as well as other key posts.

For full details on any of those items, see below.

Sincerely,

Colin Van Ostern  
Executive Councilor, District 2

The full Council 12/4 meeting agenda can be viewed here  
(<http://1.usa.gov/1bSaLuS>).

*DETAILS ON ITEMS MENTIONED ABOVE:*

### **1. DETAIL: CENTRAL NH**

#3 Authorized to amend a grant agreement with the Town of Warner, NH, (originally approved by G&C on 8-8-12, item #3), in the amount of \$350,000, to allow for finalization of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade project by extending the completion date to December 31, 2014 from December 31, 2013. No Additional Funding. **100% Federal Funds.**

#5 Authorized to amend a grant agreement with the County of Merrimack, Boscawen, NH (originally approved by G&C on 3-30-11, item #3), in the amount of \$275,000, to allow for finalization of the road improvement project, by extending the completion date to December 31, 2014 from December 31, 2013. No Additional Funding. **100% Federal Funds.**

#6 Authorized to amend a grant agreement with the Town of Boscawen, NH (originally approved by G&C on 10-3-12, item #2), in the amount of \$500,000 to allow for finalization of the Forest Lane Drainage project, by extending the completion date to December 31, 2014 from December 31, 2013. No Additional Funding. **100% Federal Funds.**

#22 Authorized to enter into a contract with Paula Sagerman, Brattleboro, VT, for architectural history consulting services with regard to the State-owned land and buildings located at 84 Iron Works Rd, Concord, NH, for a total amount not to exceed \$3,500. Effective upon G&C approval through January 20, 2014. **100% General Funds.**

#23 Authorized to sell the State-owned land, buildings, and other improvements located at 79 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH, to Tilton Variety Inc., for \$100,000 which includes a \$1,100 administrative fee. (2) Further authorized to reserve and retain in favor of the NH Division of Historical Resources as a condition of the foregoing sale, a 7 year term historic preservation easement restricting the alteration of the exterior of each building included within the property. (3) Further authorized to pay 5% of the gross proceeds from the foregoing sale (amounting to \$5,000) to Gallo Realty Group NH LLC, Manchester, NH, as its commission for real estate brokerage and marketing

services provided. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% Net Proceeds from Sale (General Funds).**

[#27](#) Authorized to enter into a contract with Easter Seals NH Inc., Manchester, NH, to provide an employee shuttle service for state employees who work in the State House complex, in an amount not to exceed \$65,531.25. Effective January 2, 2014 through June 30, 2015. **100% General Funds.**

[#33](#) Authorized the Division of Arts to award a Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Grant totaling \$2,368 to Elizabeth Charlebois, Warner, NH, to assist in the preservation of tradition based arts in NH so that future generations can continue to benefit from them. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2014. **100% General Funds.**

[#51](#) Authorized to enter into a contract with Lutheran Community Services of NH Inc., Concord, NH, to provide employment-related, direct services to NH refugees, in the amount of \$435,000. Effective upon G&C approval through September 29, 2016. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#55](#) Authorized the Bureau of Infectious Disease Control to enter into a grant agreement with the Town of Warren, NH, under which the Division of Public Health Services will provide two portable ventilators and necessary accessories valued at \$13,980, to enhance respiratory medical capacity in response to a large-scale health emergency, using funding supported by the federal Department of Homeland Security Grant to NH. Effective upon G&C approval and until the grant agreement is terminated by one of the parties. **100% Other Funds.**

## **2. DETAIL: MONADNOCK REGION**

[#36](#) Authorized to award a Conservation Number Plate Grant to the Town of Nelson for window restoration at the Nelson Town Hall, in the amount of \$10,000. Effective upon G&C approval through October 31, 2015. **100% Other Funds.**

[#70](#) Authorized to award grant funds to Pierce Solar LLC, to award grant funds in the amount of \$175,000, to install, operate and monitor a solar photovoltaic system at Franklin Pierce University in Rindge. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2014. **100% Renewable Energy Fund.**

[#71](#) Authorized to award grant funds to Historic Harrisville Inc., in the amount of \$150,000, to install and operate a central biomass heating system at Cheshire Mills in Harrisville, NH. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2014. **100% Renewable Energy Fund.**

## **3. DETAIL: STRAFFORD & BELKNAP CO**

[#7](#) Authorized to amend an agreement with the Town of Farmington, NH (originally approved by G&C on 8-22-12, item #3), in the amount of \$480,000 to allow for the creation and retention of jobs in connection with the relocation and expansion activities of Winnisquam Wood Products, by extending the completion date to December 31, 2014 from December 31, 2013. No Additional Funding. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#87](#) Authorized to enter into a memorandum of agreement with the University of NH, Sponsored Programs Administration, Durham, NH, to carry out activities to implement portions of the Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership Management Plan, in the amount of \$160,000. Effective January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. **100% Other Funds.**

#### **4. DETAIL: STATEWIDE PROJECTS & POLICIES**

[#24](#) Authorized to enter into a contract with Consolidated Edison Solutions Inc., Valhalla, NY, to perform a detailed energy conservation feasibility study, in the amount of \$60,000. Effective upon G&C approval through May 30, 2014. **100% Operating – General Funds.**

[#27A](#) Authorized the Risk Management Unit to amend a contract with Employee Benefit Management Inc., Freeport, ME (originally approved by G&C on 10-12-11, item #4B), by increasing the price by an amount not to exceed \$92,000 from \$772,502 to \$864,502 in order to pay for additional costs associated with collectively bargained changes to the Health Reimbursement Arrangement benefit. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2014. (2) Further authorized to pre-fund HRA claims payments, now done solely on a reimbursement basis, by providing the contractor with \$100,000 on January 1, 2014 and up to an additional \$200,000 during calendar year 2014 if justified and agreed to by DAS and the contractor. **35% General, 31% Enterprise, 19% Federal, 13% Highway, 2% Turnpike Funds.**

[#41](#) Authorized to enter into sub grants with the agencies as detailed in letter dated December 3, 2013, totaling \$761,625 from the Federal Fiscal Year 2013 Violence Against Women Formula Grant, for the purpose of providing services for women in NH who are victims of violent crimes. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2015. (2) Further authorized to enter into sub grants with the agencies as detailed in letter dated December 3, 2013 from the Federal Fiscal Year 2012 Violence Against Women Formula Grant, for the purposes of providing services for women in NH who are victims of violent crimes. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2014. **100% Federal Funds.**

Approved grants for six renewable energy projects in Wilton - biomass ([#65](#)), Plymouth - solar ([#66](#)), Ashland - hydro ([#67](#)), Berlin - wind ([#68](#)), Holderness -biomass ([#69](#)), Rindge - solar ([#70](#)), and Harrisville - biomass ([#71](#))

[#89](#) Authorized the Division of State Police to accept and expend \$61,626 of federal pass-through funds from the NH Department of Justice for the purpose of supporting the operation of the Sex Offender Unit. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2014. **100% Agency Income.**

#### **5. DETAIL: APPOINTMENTS & NOMINATIONS:**

(\* = District 2 Resident)

*Nominated for future confirmation:*

**Judge of the Superior Court (Public hearing: Fri 1/10, 1pm, State House)**

David A. Anderson, Portsmouth, NH

Lawrence A. MacLeod, Lebanon, NH

Charles S. Temple, Concord, NH\*

**Judge of the Circuit Court: (Public hearing: Mon 1/13, 6pm, State House)**

David S. Forrest, Keene, NH

Elizabeth M. Leonard, Manchester, NH

**Director of the Division of Economic Development:** Carmen R. Lorentz, Belmont, NH

**Manager of Risks & Benefits DAS:** Catherine A. Keane, Concord, NH\*

**New Hampshire State Council on the Arts:** Timothy G. Sink, Concord, NH\*

**Medical Review Subcommittee:** David C. Conway, Henniker, NH\*, Nick P. Perencevich, Concord, NH\*, Louis E. Rosenthal, Concord, NH\*

**Pesticides Control Board:** Carl J. Majewski, Westmoreland, NH\*

**Agricultural Advisory Board:** David L. Babson, Ossipee, NH

**Athletic Trainers Governing Board:** Scott J. Roy, Grantham, NH

**Community College System of New Hampshire:** Stephen J. Ellis, Pittsburg, NH

**Fire Standards Training Commission:** Richard P. McGahey, Hooksett, NH

**New Hampshire Health and Education Facilities Authority:** Allan M. Moses, Bow, NH

**Board of Hearing Care Providers:** David P. Dachowski, Bedford, NH

**Dir of Agency Software at Department of Information Technology:** Christiana Goodwin, Merrimack, NH

**Advisory Committee on Marine Fisheries:** Geno J. Marconi, Stratham & Ritchie White, Rye, NH

**New Hampshire Board of Medicine:** Emily R. Baker, Hanover, NH

**New Hampshire Motor Vehicle Industry Board:** Margaret S. McCabe, Sanbornton, NH

**Board of Natural Scientists:** Christopher Albert, Nottingham, NH

**Occupational Therapy Governing Board:** Dwayne Oothoudt, Tilton, NH

**Pre-Engineering Technology Advisory Council:** Debra Melton-Livingston, Manchester, NH

*Confirmed by the Council:*

**Judge of the Circuit Court:**

Susan B. Carbon, Manchester, NH

Robert J. Foley, Dover, NH

Margaret Ann Moran, Hillsborough, NH

Patricia B. Quigley, Concord, NH

**Public Utilities Commission:** Martin P. Honigberg, Concord, NH\*

**Appellate Board:** Angela T. Finney, Concord, NH

**Asst Cmsr of the Dept of Revenue Admin:** Kathryn E. Skouteris, Merrimack, NH

**Enhanced 911 Commission:** Cecily McNair, Epsom, NH

**State Historical Records Advisory Board:** Paul R. Bergeron, Nashua, NH, Linda Upham-Bornstein, Lancaster, NH

**Human Right Commission:** William E. Brennan, Bedford, NH

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